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SUBJECT: LOS: SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH

REF: STATE 85109

SUMMARY: WE HAVE PROVIDED TEXT SECRETARY'S APRIL 8
LOS SPEECH AND HAVE MADE POINTS IN REF INSTRUCTION APRIL 12-14 TO
ELEMENTS EPMG CONCERNED WITH LOS. WE HAVE ALSO MADE
PRESENTATION TO OAU. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS YET BEEN NO
SUBSTANTIVE REACTION FROM OUR INTERLOCUTORS, SPEECH AND
POINTS WERE RECEIVED WITH INTEREST. WE WERE PROMISED
ANY EPMG VIEWS HERE OR IN NEW YORK ONCE SECRETARY'S PRO-
POSALS HAVE BEEN STUDIED, END SUMMARY.

1. OAU'S A/SEC GEN PETER ONU VOLUNTEERED THAT AF/S AP-
PROACHING NY LOS CONFERENCE IN COOPERATIVE FRAME OF MIND.
MAIN LOS PROBLEM INTERNAL TO AF GROUPING AT PRESENT RE-
MAINS UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF HOW BENEFITS DRAWN FROM SEA
BY COASTAL STATES ARE TO BE SHARED BY LANDLOCKED. ONU
INFERRED THAT AF'S UNLIKELY ACHIEVE MONOLITHIC POSTURE
ON LOS UNTIL THIS PROBLEM RESOLVED.

2. MOFA'S CURRENTLY OVERBURDENED VICEMIN FOR U
AFFAIRS TESFAYE MEKASHA SAID HE WOULD BE BACK TO US
WITH ANY COMMENTS ONCE HE HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY STUDY
NEW PROPOSALS IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH. MEANWHILE, HE
URGED USDEL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ETHIOPIAN DEL IN
NEW YORK AS LATTER LED BY MOFA'S PERMSEC AND CHIEF
LOS ACTIONOFF GETACHEW KIBRET ETHIOPIAN REACTION PROBABLY AVAILABLE
AT UNNY FROM PERMSEC SOONER THAN IN ADDIS FROM
MOFA/UN. HUMMEL

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